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HEALTH IN THE TROPICS.—The popular notion of the unhealthiness of life in the tropics is not corroborated by the report of Sir Anthony Musgrave, Governor of Jamaica, from the statistics given in which it appears that the mortality in the island last year was only at the rate of 20 per thousand. This indicates conditions considerably more healthy than those of London and the environs, where the death rate is over 21 per thousand. The Jamaica death rate however would be much less than it is but for the extraordinary mortality of children under five years, which Sir Anthony Musgrave attributes to incompetence of native midwives and ignorance and carelessness of mothers. Thirty-eight and a-half per cent. of the total deaths in a year are deaths of children of this tender age.